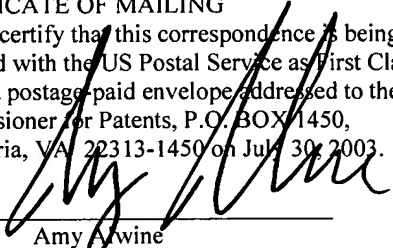




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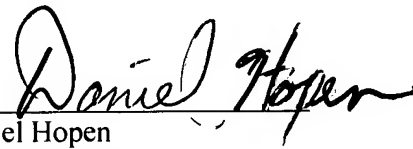
Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Preliminary Amendment.

**Claim Amendments** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Specifically, claim 22 and claim 31 are amended.

If any matters can be resolved by telephone, Applicant requests that the Patent and Trademark Office call the Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

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